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The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain United States District Judge Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Allen, et al.</u>

16 Cr 397 (LTS)

Dear Judge Swain:

The Government writes to respectfully request that the Court adjourn the upcoming pretrial conference in this case, currently scheduled for March 16, 2017 at 11:00 am. To date, three defendants have entered guilty pleas, and the Government and defense counsel for the remaining defendants are engaged in discussions regarding pretrial resolution of this case. An additional thirty days would allow for continued discussions, and for the parties to appear at the next conference with a better ability to set a trial date in this matter. The Government also respectfully requests that time under the Speedy Trial Act be excluded between today and the date of the next conference to allow the parties to continue discussions regarding a resolution of this case. *See* 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(7)(A). The Government has conferred with counsel for the defendants who have not pled guilty, and they each consent to the request for an adjournment and the exclusion of time. This is the first request for an adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

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